# Edward Farrar Utility District Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:30pm Steele Community Room

Attendance: P.H. "Skip" Flanders, Cindy Parks, Natalie Sherman, Bob Finucane, Rick Weston

Staff: Tom Leitz, Bill Woodruff, Kia Winchell Nealy

Zoom: Anne Imhoff

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The monthly meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District was called to order at 4:36pm.

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

- T. Leitz asked the board to consider discussing the Waterbury Selectboard's approval of the UDAG Loan Committee.
- R. Weston made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Selectboard approval.
- B. Finucane seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

### SHOOTING IN THE WATERSHED

A Waterbury resident has expressed their concern about shooting in the watershed.

Public Works Director, B. Woodruff explained there was once a shooting range in the area ... until it was bulldozed several years ago ... but hunters still do target practice in the area.

- \* There was much discussion on posting the area (i.e.; Public Land. Recreation area used for hiking, biking, etc.. Please be respectful. Please be responsible.)
- \* R. Weston suggested the Town Manager speak with the town's lawyer for the proper wording. T. Leitz agreed.
- \* C. Parks will check with other Surface Water Public Water Systems in the region. (i.e.; Rutland, Barre City, Montpelier, Bennington, Brattleboro, etc.)

### KNEELAND FLATS TRAILER PARK

- \* Approximately 1425 feet of pipe has been laid and has passed the pressure test and two coliform tests.
- \* Hydrants are being installed
- \* The park owners have started digging for a possible community septic system

#### FLOOD REDUCTION

- \* An application has been submitted to FEMA for a broader hydrology study; property along the Winooski River from Jenny Davis Road to the Ice Center including land around the waste water plant ... then up Thatcher Brook towards Guptil Road.
- \* An application has also been submitted for a trash pump ... along with armoring the lagoons.
- \* T Leitz expressed the desire for the town to take ownership of the Corn Field (behind Randall Street).

# WOODY AVENUE (CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS ARMORY AVENUE)

- \* Waterbury's Zoning Administrator has been asked about the possibility of developing the land on the south side of Woody Avenue for housing.
- \* Due to an agreement with Brookside Elementary School the parking lot has to stay on the south side of Woody Avenue.
- \* The storage building currently on the property is an older building with an asbestos roof ... and is used primarily by the Highway Department for storage of equipment.
- \* Prices for demolishing the building, reconfiguring the parking lot, putting sewer in are being put together.

It should be noted, the property along Woody Avenue is TOWN property.

### **UDAG MEMBER AT LARGE**

- \* Waterbury resident Anne Imhoff has submitted an application to be considered for UDAG Loan Committee Member At Large.
- \* Roger Clapp has expressed his interest in representing the Waterbury Selectboard on the UDAG Loan Committee.
- \* The Member At Large will be selected by the Edward Farrar Utility District.
- \* EFUD board members asked T. Leitz to advertise for the position ... with September 20th being the deadline for applications.

The Waterbury Ambulance Service has submitted a UDAG Loan application for \$400,000

## **OUTSTANDING EFUD ACCOUNTS**

- \* In July, Shut-Off Notices were delivered to people with long overdue EFUD accounts. Those notices resulted in most people paying off or reducing their past due balances.
- \* T. Leitz suggested another round of Shut-Off Notices prior to winter.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The EFUD board reviewed reports from both the Water and Waste-Water Departments.

B. Woodruff provided an update on the Route 100 project ... and, at the next EFUD meeting, will have the cost it will take to complete the preliminary engineering.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS (FROM 8/12/2024)

- R. Weston made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting from August 12th as written
- B. Finucane seconded the motion
- A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

At 6:22pm, B. Finucane made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

N. Sherman seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

\* Next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District: October 9, 2024 kia

# **Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners Meeting**

Wednesday Sept 11, 2024 Steele Room 28 North Main St, Waterbury VT

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# Agenda

4:30 pm	Call to Order:
4:30 pm	Approve Agenda
4:35 pm	Public
4:40 pm	Concern for Shooting in the Watershed
4:55 pm	Update on Peck Mobil Home Park
5:00 pm	Update on Flood Reduction Study and remote water shutoffs
5:10 pm	Subdivision of town land on Woody Ave
5:20 pm	Filling member at large on UDAG Loan Committee
5:25 pm	Update on outstanding water and sewer bills
5:35 pm	Weekly Reports
5:45 pm	Approval of past Minutes
5:50 pm	Adjourn
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# Kia Nealy

From:

Thomas Leitz

Sent:

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:38 AM

To:

Kia Nealy; Skip Flanders; Bill Woodruff

Subject:

FW: Gun use at Waterbury's Waterworks property

Can we add this to our next agenda?

Tom Leitz Municipal Manager (802) 244-4300 (Office) (802) 999-6450 (Cell)

From: Morgan Perlman <morgan@ursamajorvt.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:30 PM **To:** Thomas Leitz <tleitz@waterburyvt.com>

Subject: Re: Gun use at Waterbury's Waterworks property

Hi Tom,

Thank you for your response and raising with Utility District directors. I think simply having signage against using the area for target practice would solve the issue, as I believe the people shooting there are acting in good faith and want to follow the rules. Unlike other more passive recreational uses, I think shooting is likely to be incompatible with the general goals of the property and Utility District, water quality and safety being the main issues.

I think the Waterworks property is an amazing recreational and ecological asset to the community and the town should make an effort to ensure its values are being maximized/protected. While the Utility District is primarily focused on its primary purpose for drinking water, I see an opportunity to involve other aspects of the Town as it may relate to implementing a Forest Management Plan. I really see the Waterworks as Waterbury's "Town Forest," as other towns have. I think the general way it is used today and its present state is fantastic, but its recognition as a "Town Forest" and implementation of a management plan would ensure its being managed for the public good, acknowledging the value it already serves today for recreation.

I would love to attend on 9/11, but I will be away that week. I look forward to hearing about the discussion.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best, Morgan

On Aug 30, 2024, at 1:34 PM, Thomas Leitz < tleitz@waterburyvt.com > wrote:

Morgan

It is a legitimate concern and I will raise this with the Utility District directors. We certainly don't have the capacity to enforce no-shooting rules, but perhaps they would consider signage.

That being said, there are some ongoing challenges with the land. While we don't post the land which allows it to be utilized by the public, we also haven't ever sanctioned the trail network. Given that, the people doing target practice have as much right to use the land as bikers or walkers.

Our next meeting is on September  $11^{\rm th}$  at 4:30 at Town Hall. I will share your concern with the board and invite you to attend.

Regards,

Tom Leitz Municipal Manager (802) 244-4300 (Office) (802) 999-6450 (Cell)

From: Morgan Perlman < morgan@ursamajorvt.com >

**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2024 12:32 PM **To:** Thomas Leitz < tleitz@waterburyvt.com >

Subject: Gun use at Waterbury's Waterworks property

Hi Tom,

I am writing to express my concern that people are using the town owned "waterworks" property along Waterworks Road in Stowe as a shooting range. The last gate on your left as you are headed north to Stowe on Waterworks rd leads into a grassy meadow that is mowed that locals have been using for target practice. I am raising the issue as this property is used as a recreational park for people to hike, walk, and enjoy the waters that flow out of the mountains. As a recreational area, I do not think it can be assumed to be safe to use as a target practice range. The assumption needs to be that people will always be around that area, and allowing shooting there for practice has a unjustified negative impact on the experience and safety of the many people that visit there, while benefiting only the few people who shoot. Furthermore, the waterworks property has restrictions on certain recreational activities already in place to protect water quality, but mentions nothing about its use as a shooting range. I believe the introduction of lead from its repeated use as a shooting range should also be considered a water quality concern, and justifies banning shooting on the property.

Here is location of shooting area: <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@44.4110143">https://www.google.com/maps/@44.4110143</a>72.672853,368m/data=I3m1!1e3?entry=ttu&g ep=EgoyMDI0MDgyNy4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

I look forward to the Town and the Edward Farrar Utility District seeing what can be done to ban shooting there. Thank you!

Best, Morgan

# Kia Nealy

From:

Thomas Leitz

Sent:

Thursday, September 5, 2024 3:40 PM

To:

Skip Flanders; Natalie Sherman; Bob Finucane; cynthia parks; Rick

Cc:

Bill Woodruff; Kia Nealy

Subject:

subdivision of town land on Woody Avenue

Attachments:

(2024,08.20) 8 LOT SUBDIVISION SITE PLAN.pdf

All:

The attached is our sketch plan related to developing some town owned land on Woody Avenue (formerly Armory Ave).

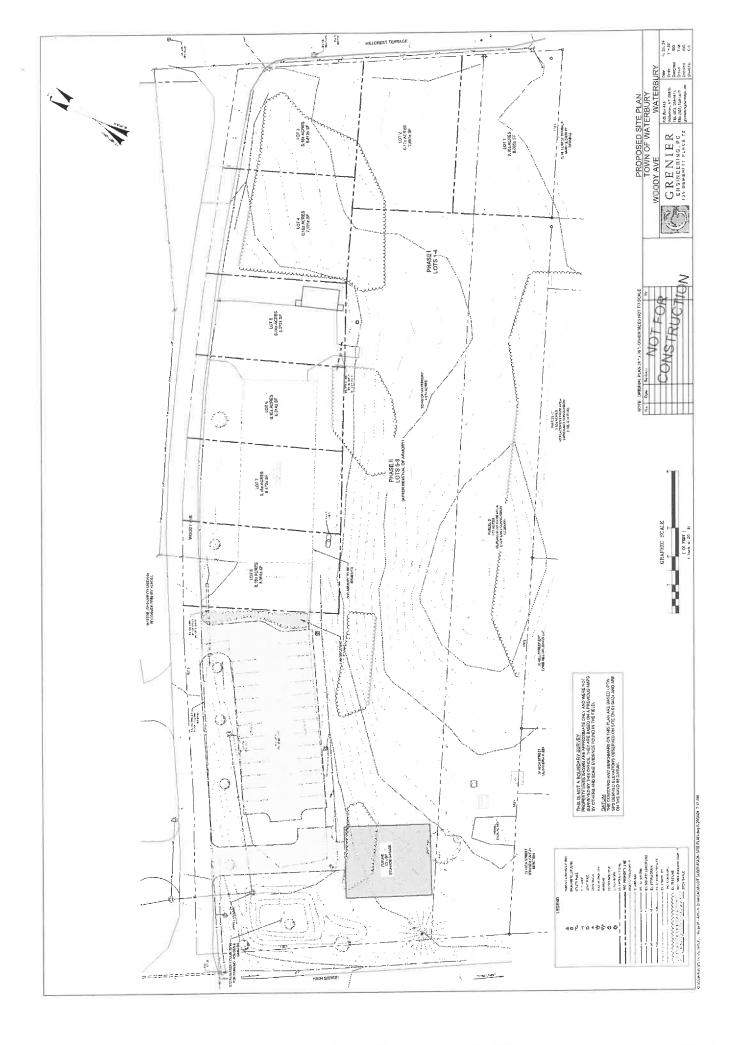
I will walk everyone through the details, but the cliff notes version is we are seeking to build a new storage building on the bottom of the lot/high street intersection. We would then demo our existing building. The 8 building lots would become housing, and I am awaiting input from others as to the amount of desired density. I have also quietly suggested we provide a first option to purchase to residents who currently live in the flood plain, and perhaps consider other requirements to give our residents preference.

The hope is the revenue from the sale of the land provides us with the necessary capital to build a new storage building, demolish the old, and perform other necessary site work (particularly sewer).

I will go into some additional detail at the meeting.

Regards,

Tom Leitz Municipal Manager (802) 244-4300 (Office) (802) 999-6450 (Cell)



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# EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT Utility Billing Active Aged Receivables Report All accounts by Account Number

Account	Name	Service	Current	Over 30	Over 60	Over 90	Over 120	Total	Credits
100-0943	STROMME, MICHAEL &, COO		60.93	0.00	60.89	1.66	121.93	245.41	0.00
	RTE 100 STOWE RD	SEWER	77.91	0.00	77.51	2.69	197.05	355.16	0.00
		TOTAL	138.84	0.00	138.40	4.35	318.98	600.57	0.00
395-0189	MCCALLUM, KEVIN & TONIA	WATER	134.27	3.97	102.00	2.57	185.30	428.11	0.00
Location:	189 HOWARD AVE								
395-0264	BROWN, DUNCAN & JANE, &	WATER	81.95	2.69	85.91	0.00	100.01	270.56	0.00
Location:	264 HOWARD AVE								0.00
650-0145	NEVILLE, JOHN	WATER	120.28	3.54	116.74	0.00	119.30	359.86	0.00
Location:	145 LOOMIS HILL-NEVILLE					0.01	147 30	428.14	0.00
653-0034	MARTIN, BELINDA	WATER	144.63	4.01	129.99	2.21	147.30	420.14	0.00
	34 HUNGER MT RD-MARTIN		101 10	2.91	98.13	1.54	111.21	334.91	0.00
	EDWARDS, CHERYL	WATER	121.12	2.31	30.13	1.51	111111	*****	
	109 MAPLE ST	WATER	83.69	4.62	89.30	3.41	251.40	432.42	0.00
	FARNSWORTH, ROBERT J 1035 MAPLE ST-FARNSWORTH	WALDA	05.05		••••				
700-1307	GOULD, JUSTIN & SARAH	WATER	90.11	2.66	94.48	1.35	96.98	285.58	0.00
	1307 MAPLE ST-GOULD								
	68 NORTH MAIN LLC	WATER	495.51	14.96	528.42	7.63	549.45	1595.97	0.00
	68 NORTH MAIN	SEWER	652.29	19.83	697.68	10.14	730.25	2110.19	0.00
		TOTAL	1147.80	34.79	1226.10	17.77	1279.70	3706.16	0.00
914-0011-V	O'CONNELL, DEBRA	WATER	93.77	6.32	87.45	0.00	333.78	521.32	0.00
Location:	MOBILE HOME	SEWER	100.70	7.06	93.64	0.00	376.80	578.20	0.00
		TOTAL	194.47	13.38	181.09	0.00	710.58	1099.52	0.00
			400.50	0.00	100.07	0.00	130.05	390.64	0.00
914-0019-V	FORKEY, JAMES M	WATER	130.62	0.00	129.97 194.16	0.00	283.99	673.31	0.00
Location:	19 WALLACE ST-FORKEY	SEWER	195.16 325.78	0.00	324.13	0.00	414.04	1063.95	0.00
		TOTAL	323.76	0.00	324113				
918-0015-V	TORREZ, MATTHEW	WATER	267.41	0.00	272.21	0.00	159.54	699.16	0.00
Location:		SEWER	364.18	0.00	369.59	0.00	435.14	1168.91	0.00
200202021		TOTAL	631.59	0.00	641.80	0.00	594.68	1868.07	0.00
922-0007-V	CUMMINGS, III, JOHN	WATER	411.13	0.00	382.64	0.00	388.28	1182.05	0.00
Location:	7 PARK ROW-NOLES PROPERTI	SEWER	539.29	0.00	495.73	0.00	660.51	1695.53	0.00
		TOTAL	950.42	0.00	878.37	0.00	1048.79	2877.58	0.00
932-0005-V	TEBEAU, DARREN	WATER	53.03	0.00	52.16	0.00	152.18	257.37	0.00
Location:	5 MOODY CT-TEBEAU	SEWER	66.89	0.00	66.35	0.00	230.14 382.32	363.38 620.75	0.00
		TOTAL	119.92	0.00	118.51	0.00	302.32	020.73	0.00
	ampoint Wight a coo	Wampp	113.56	0.00	123.59	3.17	232.24	472.56	0.00
948-0062-V	STROMME, MICHAEL &, COO	SEWER	147.07	0.00	182.01	4.02	295.46	628.56	0.00
Location:	62 STOWE ST	TOTAL	260.63	0.00	305.60	7.19	527.70	1101.12	0.00
948-0081 <b>-</b> V	KITTREDGE, LUCILLE	WATER	58.57	8.60	61.07	7.84	643.99	780.07	0.00
	81 STOWE ST-KITTREDGE	SEWER	73.24	10.80	76.36	9.87	811.03	981.30	0.00
<del>-</del> -		TOTAL	131.81	19.40	137.43	17.71	1455.02	1761.37	0.00
948-0096-V	BRADFORD, ROBERT	WATER	65.67	2.56	64.23	1.68	123.11	257.25	0.00
Location:	96 STOWE ST-BRADFORD	SEWER	89.26	3.36	85.34	2.19	160.40	340.55	0.00
		TOTAL	154.93	5.92	149.57	3.87	283.51	597.80	0.00

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958-0034-V	GERNAND, BENJAMIN	WATER	102.94	3.00	107.94	1.50	107.94	323.32	0.00
	UNION ST-GERNAND	SEWER	128.73	3.85	134.97	1.98	142.14	411.67	0.00
Hocacion. 31	. DITTOIT DI GENERALE	TOTAL	231.67	6.85	242.91	3.48	250.08	734.99	0.00
964-0020-V	BUMPS. SCOTT	WATER	70.27	2.78	64.45	1.89	139.42	278.81	0.00
	HUNTINGTON PL	SEWER	97.64	3.92	85.90	2.75	202.21	392.42	0.00
200402011 20		TOTAL	167.91	6.70	150.35	4.64	341.63	671.23	0.00
964-0024-V	HALEY, SAMANTHA L	WATER	60.92	0.00	67.49	0.00	0.00	128.41	0.00
	HUNTINGTON PL-HALEY	SEWER	81.99	0.00	93.72	0.00	72.54	248.25	0.00
200001041		TOTAL	142.91	0.00	161.21	0.00	72.54	376.66	0.00
970-0005-V	ECKMAN, KEVIN & MARLA	WATER	86.84	1.20	85.86	0.00	0.00	173.90	0.00
	SWASEY CT-ECKMAN	SEWER	127.46	2.00	125.04	0.24	16.06	270.80	0.00
1001101111	<b></b>	TOTAL	214.30	3.20	210.90	0.24	16.06	444.70	0.00
980-0037-V	MILLER, FINLAY &, CROSA	WATER	123.05	3.29	120.16	1.62	116.26	364.38	0.00
	GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS	SEWER	183.21	4.87	178.36	2.39	172.31	541.14	0.00
		TOTAL	306.26	8.16	298.52	4.01	288.57	905.52	0.00
982-0005-V	VIENS KEVIN II	WATER	75.14	0.00	71.87	0.00	0.00	147.01	0.00
Location: 5		SEWER	108.23	0.00	101.54	0.00	83.88	293.65	0.00
		TOTAL	183.37	0.00	173.41	0.00	83.88	440.66	0.00
D0100050	COMMUNITY VENTURES LLC	WATER	1190.85	126.69	1123.29	0.00	7381.86	9822.69	0.00
Location: MC	BILE HOME PARK								
D0100100	BOUDREAU, BRIAN	WATER	139.75	5.23	121.19	3.57	261.87	531.61	0.00
Location: 42	6 MAIN ST-BOUDREAU								
D0100230	HASKINS, JEFFREY C & JO	WATER	169.35	3.87	177.62	0.00	92.78	443.62	0.00
Location: 30	1 MAIN ST-HASKINS								
D0100440	BANDELIER, ZARIN	WATER	91.59	3.71	93.02	2.43	178.73	369.48	0.00
Location: 53	VT RT 100								
D0100550	ANDERSON STEPHEN &, ZWE	WATER	115.16	4.72	114.76	3.15	231.57	469.36	0.00
Location: 58	MIDDLE RD								
D0100860	NELSON, GRANT & PAMELA	WATER	127.62	3.42	122.99	1.71	122.99	378.73	0.00
Location: 27	2 COBB HILL RD								
SERVICES:	# of Accounts								
WATER	29		4879.73	214.75	4749.82	48.93	12479.47	22372.70	
SEWER	16		3033.25	55.69	3057.90	36.27	4869.91		0.00
Total All	Services:		7912.98	270.44	7807.72	85.20	17349.38		0.00
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# Waterbury Water Monthly Report August 2024

# **Items of Interest**

Sampling

Maintenance

Pool

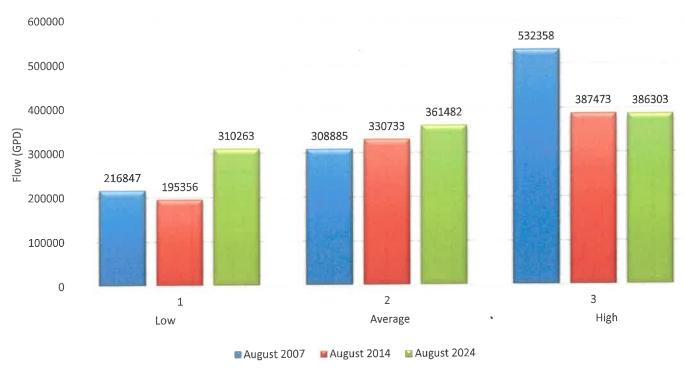
Personnel

Weather

# **Flow Data**

High Day	Low Day	Average Day	Peak Flow
08/15/2024	08/31/2024		08/21/2024
386303 Gallons	310263 Gallons	361482 Gallons	817 GPM

# Low, Average and High Flow (GPD) for August 2007, 2014 and 2024



# Sampling

All Seven monthly coliform samples were submitted and came back favorable. The weekly fluoride samples were sent to the state lab and although waiting on some results, so far all have come back favorable. Per the state monitoring schedule, the Water Dept. tested for disinfection byproducts those tests have also come back favorable. Lead and Copper testing kits have been delivered to 20 users throughout the utility district. The Water Department is working to collect those samples to get them to the lab for testing.

## Maintenance

Tyler and Merrium Brook Dams have been cleaned out. The dams have been impacted by the heavy rains we saw during the month of July.



On August 13<sup>th</sup> Stowe's Water Department assisted with placing the hydrant at the corner of Stowe St. and Bidwell Ave. back in service. The Water Department wants to extend our appreciation. Thanks to their time our water department received some excellent hand on training.



EFUD properties on Barnes Hill Rd, Waterworks Rd, and Sweet Rd were brush hogged on August  $14^{th}$  and  $15^{th}$ .

The pool was shut down for the season on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Below there is a full report on the 2024 pool season water usage.

On August 19<sup>th</sup> the Water Department was made aware of a leak at 39 Stowe St. The water leak from a broker service line was causing some flooding in the basement of the residence. The service line was repaired on August 20<sup>th</sup>.



On August 21<sup>st</sup> a wet tap was conducted on 12 Lincoln St. Mike MacDougall was on site to make the connection. During the course of excavating some sewer lines were broken. The Water Department assisted the Wastewater Department with those repairs.

Due to new testing requirements from the state, a new valve has been added to the drying bed at the water plant. This valve will allow the water department to meet new stringent discharge requirements.



The Water Department repaired a curb stop at 19 Union St on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Water Department wants to thank one of the fury neighbors who was available to lend a helping paw.



## Pool

The following is a report concerning the water usage for the 2024 summer pool operations. This report shows that usage was down by 227,538 gallons from last year. In 2023 the pool used 980,100 gallons over the 11 weeks the pool was operating.

# 1. Initial Meter Vault Readings:

At the commencement of the pool season, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the meter vault readings were recorded as follows:

• Meter A: 261735.2 cubic feet

Meter B: 208801.8 cubic feet

# 2. Final Meter Vault Readings:

At the conclusion of the pool season, on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the meter vault readings indicated the following values:

• Meter A: 356320.6 cubic feet

• Meter B: 214826.7 cubic feet

# 3. Water Usage Breakdown:

a. Initial Fill and Start of Operations: The pool was initially filled from June  $11^{th}$  to June  $18^{th}$ , during which it received 470,200 gallons of water.

b. Water Consumption During Operation: Based on the meter readings provided above, the pool was operated for a total of 11 weeks, during which it consumed approximately 752,562 gallons of water. This includes the 470,200 gallons used for the initial fill. Additionally, 282,362 gallons were required to maintain the pool's water level due to evaporation and leaks within the pool's infrastructure that necessitated continuous replenishment.

## 4. Rainfall Data:

Over the course of the 2024 pool season, the town experienced a total of 16.1 inches of rainfall. While this natural water source contributed to the overall water availability for the pool, it did not offset the loss of water through leaks within the pool infrastructure.

## Personnel

The week of August 5<sup>th</sup>, Grant McCracken worked primarily at the wastewater facility. His presence due to the ongoing cross training program allowed one of the operators to take a planned vacation while the other operator was out on medical leave.

## Weather

During the month of August there was 4.48 inches of rain fall. The temperatures ranged from 45.4°F as the low and 89.8°F as the high. Our average temperature for the month was 65.7°F. Humidity high was 97% and the low was 43% with an average of 83%.

# Wastewater Progress Report August 2024

# Process and Operations:

o Process running well and meeting permit limits.

Applied 16,379 gallons of sludge to drying beds.

o CoMag reaction tanks and clarifier were drained and inspected. No areas of concern were found.

o August 2024 Flows:

Influent average: .203 MGD Influent total: 6.300 MG Effluent average: .349 MGD Effluent total: 5.584 MG

Precipitation: 4.13 inches/month

Maximum daily precipitation: 1.30 inches

Discharging days/month = 16

# Collection System:

O Heavy rainfall on 8/9 only caused slight increase in flows.

- O Lincoln St Pump station pump 2 stopped working. Breaker needed to be reset to turn back on, cause was possibly due to calling to run when power went out.
- O New sewer tie in at 10 Lincoln St. Private force main into MH 200.
- O 81 S. Main St had sewer back up due to a broken service line in road. EFUD staff completed repair 9/4.

# Office & Personnel

# 2024 Projects List

- o Manhole infiltration repairs-
- O Park Row West- new manholes and change to PVC line
- O Union St N Main St line repair MH 122-121
- O Union St manhole replacement/repair #123, 124, 126
- O Stream bank stabilization around MH 116-27 Dac Rowe Field
- O Repair washout and road behind cemetery Completed
- Install manhole and plug valve leaving ball field bathrooms

# **Edward Farrar Utility District Commissions Meeting**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 4:30pm at the Round Table in Dr. Janes House

Attendance: P.H. "Skip" Flanders, Cindy Parks, Natalie Sherman, Bob Finuace, Rick Weston

Staff: Tom Leitz, Bill Woodruff, Kia Winchell Nealy

Zoom:



The monthly meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District was called to order at 4:35pm at the Round Table in Dr. Janes House.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

- T. Leitz asked board members to amend today's agenda to include:
- \* a conversation about easement related to the water line through the Best Western property
- \* a brief executive session after the approval of last month's minutes
- B. Finucane made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the additional two items
- R. Weston seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

# JULY FLOOD DAMAGE UPDATE (TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM)

- B. Woodruff said there was no extensive damage to the water and wastewater systems. Although,
- \* there was a portion of the Duxbury water line by Crossett Brook BR 194 that was exposed by the flood waters but stayed intact
- \* there is some damage in the Water Works where the brooks jumped the banks and washed out the access road
- \* the sewer system did experience high flows ... but with by-pass pumping, there was minimal damage from flood waters
- \* there was some electrical damage at Main Pump Station

### FLOOD REDUCTION ON EFUD PROPERTY UPDATE

T. Leitz reported that Roy Schiff has hired SLR Consulting ... whose study was focused on downtown (Waterbury) flood reduction. From EFUD's perspective, hardening the lagoons walls with rip rap would be beneficial.

- \* The land throughout the town was studied 10 years ago .... will look at it to give relief to the flood plain
- \* The town pays for the Hazard Mitigation Grant ... which should be submitted prior to August 30th
- \* There was a hydrology study ... which included Thatcher Brook and Graves Brook
- \* The Town needs to identify some strategies to mitigate future flooding

T. Leitz talked to the State and discussed the purchase of electronic shut-off valves. During times of flooding - when water usage is much higher - these electronic shut-off valves would allow EFUD to pre-emptively shut off the water to a home - or homes - in the flood plain.

## JULY FLOOD UPDATE TO THE TOWN OF WATERBURY

- B. Woodruff updated us on problem spots through the town;
- \* a metal arch culvert on Greg Hill was damaged beyond repair. The Town has purchased a new culvert ... now we need to secure a contractor
- \* The Dip on Shaw Mansion is closed due to a washout. The culvert is in "decent" shape. There is some consideration to closing The Dip
- \* Henry Hough Road, Ripley Road, and the backside of Blush Hill were all impacted by the most recent storm
- \* there has been damage at the Dac Rowe Field ball field
- \* Waterbury is recovering and close to being back to normal

## **KNEELAND FLATS TRAILER PARK UPDATE**

- B. Woodruff informed board members:
- \* contractors are moving along with approximately 1200 feet of pipeline complete
- \* all the hydrants are on site and one has been installed
- \* pipes have not been tested, at this point
- \* Gary Dillion (Waterbury Fire Department Chief) has been allotted four-hours per day to oversee the project ... and does go up everyday

### UPDATE ON THE UDAG LOAN COMMITTEE POSITION

There are two positions to fill. It was confirmed T. Leitz will advertise for one at-large position ... then members from the town selectboard will appoint one of their members to fill the second position.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- B. Woodruff reported to the EFUD board;
- \* cross-training of water and waste-water employees has been beneficial and has paid off ... citing the responsibilities of one waste-water employee who has been out on medical leave have been covered by his co-workers
- \* department employees have been repairing and repainting fire hydrants
- \* there is a Flushing program. Admittedly, it's been awhile since there has been a complete flush of the system. Two of the department employees have been instructed to remove the caps and test the water flow

## MINUTES-OF-THE-MEETING FROM JULY 10, 2024

Under the Kneeland Flats Trailer Park Update \*, the "it's" in " ... disclosing it's negotiational ... " should be "its". Also, Rick Weston was the board member to second part two of the motion.

- R. Weston made the motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, with the two changes
- B. Finucane seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously

## **BLUSH HILL EASEMENT**

A transaction has been discussed where EFUD would release any easement rights it has to the old 10-inch water main on the Best Western property in exchange for a new easement for the 8-inch water main that was recently installed ... as well as a fire hydrant easement ... and possibly two easements for service lines that run to 79 Blush Hill Road, 2 Kennedy Drive, and 4 Kennedy Drive.

B. Finucane made the motion to "authorize the release of EFUD's easement rights in an old 10-inch water line easement on the Best Western property at 45 Blush Hill Road to Morris and Hall Partners, LLP in exchange for Morris and Hall Partners' conveyance of a new, 20-foot wide water line easement for the new eight-inch water line and water service line easements to adjoining properties (79 Blush Hill and possibly 2 and 4 Kennedy Drive) and to authorize Municipal Manager Tom Leitz to execute the deed, easement exchange agreement, and any other documents needed to effectuate this transaction."

R. Weston seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:40pm, R. Weston made the motion that "premature general knowledge about a particular contract would clearly place The District at a substantial disadvantage."

B. Finucane seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously

C. Parks made the motion to "move we enter into executive session to discuss contracts under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes."

N. Sherman seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously

At 5:50pm, N. Sherman made a motion to leave the executive session

C. Parks seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously

R. Weston made the motion for EFUD to authorize the District Manager to enter into a contract with James W. Barlow, Attorney at Law to provide general counsel services to The District.

N. Sherman seconded the motion

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

At 5:51pm, R. Weston made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District B. Finuance seconded the motion A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

\* Next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District: September 11, 2024

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